

IT'S TIME!

**Kitsap Humane Society's
Capital Campaign**



**Our community asked us
to do more. We listened.**



OUR WORK IS EXCELLENT

We invested greatly in our staff and specialized lifesaving programs. We increased the number of animals we rescue from other shelters by 300 percent. Our save rate skyrocketed to 95 percent, or better. In the past four years alone, we've experienced a 65 percent growth in adoptions.

Now, we find homes for nearly 7,000 animals and spay or neuter more than 5,000 pets every year. We deliver compassionate, individualized care to every animal that comes through our doors. We transform thousands of lives and create ever-greater connections between animals and people.

We are one of the country's outstanding animal welfare organizations.

...OUR FACILITY IS NOT

Yet the undeniable reality we face is that **we are working in an outdated, overcrowded, inefficient facility.** One visit to our shelter confirms it. You'll see skilled staff and volunteers having to work around serious space limitations. You'll see crowded conditions for customers. Most of all, you'll see an environment that is hard on the animals.

We believe everyone deserves better — the animals, adopters, staff, volunteers and our entire Kitsap community.

So now *we're* asking for more.

It's time for a facility that matches the excellence of our work.

Our dream

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Nearly double the size of our shelter

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Larger animal housing spaces

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Improved medical facilities

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Enhanced behavior and training spaces

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Improved customer lobby and adoption counseling spaces

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Expanded medical recovery areas

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Improved ventilation, quarantine and disease prevention

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Greater facility efficiency

THE ANIMALS DESERVE BETTER

Better housing

Cramped, noisy and often stressful. That describes our animals' current housing conditions, and they deserve better. Even during their brief stay here, the animals deserve a place that is comforting, healthy and offers more space to move around. A place that helps them feel more relaxed...and get adopted into loving homes quicker. Our new facility will provide **an entirely new main dog kennel, along with bigger and more flexible housing options** to better meet the needs of dogs and cats while they're with us.

The dogs deserve better

“It can be easy to overlook the internal scars that some dogs come to KHS with: fear, anxiety, lack of trust. These scars, just like physical ones, need compassion and skilled intervention. We always give that. However, healing happens sooner in an environment that promotes relaxation and reinforces good behavior skills. A shelter isn't a home; but the animals need better conditions while they're here.”

— The late Heidi Wakefield, beloved dog-walking lead volunteer for 13 years



The cats deserve better

“With improved housing, we can give cats in our care what they naturally need and want — more places to hide when stressed, more space between their litter box and their food and water, and more peace and quiet away from barking and other loud noises.”

— Natalie Smith, director of animal welfare





THE ANIMALS DESERVE BETTER

Better medical facilities

With boundless expertise and compassion, our medical staff members save lives every day. We do this critical work despite inadequate space for surgery preparation and recovery, insufficient infrastructure for medical equipment, and an acute lack of isolation spaces for sick animals. Imagine what we could do with both **an expanded, better-equipped veterinary medicine center, and facility-wide, healthier, industry-grade ventilation systems.** We'd be able to accept more medically at-risk patients from other shelters, save even more lives, and improve animal health throughout the entire shelter.

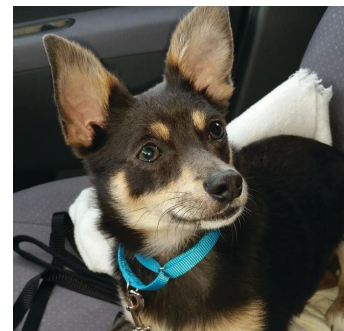
Seeing the possibilities

“Our most critical cases come in on death's doorstep. Where other shelters might only consider euthanasia, we see possibility and hope. We're fortunate to have the ability to do everything we can, and every time I see one of those animals recover and go home with a new family...it's incredible. We could do even more with a better facility.”

— Dr. Jennifer Stonequist, DVM, DSM

A four-legged miracle

Mack came to KHS with two broken legs and barely able to breathe. Medical staff performed emergency surgery hours after he arrived, then administered daily physical therapy. Mack spent weeks recovering on the floor of the clinic behind a baby gate... because that was the only place to put him. Staff work around the shortage of critical-care kennels every day; and their skill and compassion save lives, like Mack's, that might not be saved elsewhere.





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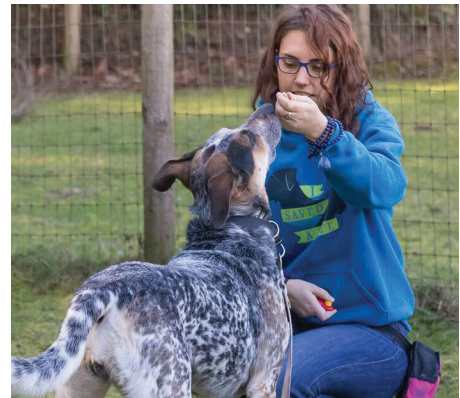
Better behavior facilities

Right now, our behavior program is located in a barn several hundred feet from the main dog kennel. The skilled interventions of our trained behavior staff and volunteers are limited by the deficiencies of this space and its disconnection from the shelter. We need **a more spacious training facility and outdoor play yard adjacent to the main dog kennel**. Spaces that will help our staff and volunteers be even more effective in their individualized care and treatment for the dogs who need extra support.

Building trust

“A lot of my volunteer work is with dogs who are very, very frightened and desperately need more socialization. I spend a lot of time doing relaxation therapy and working with them on trust. KHS has amazing staff and volunteers dedicated to giving these animals the time and training they need; but we don't have a facility that really supports our work.”

— Kathy Mahan, volunteer and foster parent





ANIMAL PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER

A more welcoming environment

Every year, we welcome more than 50,000 people who feel the beauty and power of the animal-human connection. It's a special thing that needs space and quiet attention, which we can't provide in our current facility. Our adoption lobby is often loud, overcrowded and unable to adequately welcome the high volume of people who come through on a daily basis. **A spacious adoption lobby and private adoption counseling rooms** will allow us to better serve our community.



Space for life-altering moments

“It's a life-altering moment when you decide whether or not to adopt a pet. You're searching for a rewarding relationship that will be a two-way street for care and companionship. It's not something you take lightly, and therefore it brings some inherent stress. Making the decision in a calm environment will bring huge benefits for everyone: the adopters, the animals and the staff.”

— Alan Miles, four-time KHS adopter

Space to work

“The staging area for dog walkers is a tiny counter in a tiny room that's also the laundry and dish-and dog-washing area. When you come to walk dogs, you're in there getting your leash and supplies and all the while bumping into volunteers washing huge amounts of laundry, dishes or animals. We need more space!”

— Vicki Josal, volunteer and lead dog walker





TRANSFORMING ANIMAL WELFARE IN KITSAP COUNTY

Kitsap Humane Society is transforming animal welfare in Kitsap County by saving thousands of animals through compassionate, individualized, lifesaving care. We have elevated our work to a level that continually exceeds national standards in animal sheltering.

Our Kitsap community — in which an estimated 60 percent of households own pets — embraced this bold transformation. As the pre-eminent local animal welfare resource, we are where tens of thousands of Kitsap animal lovers increasingly go. The ONLY thing that holds us back is our facility.

Please help us build a facility that matches the excellence of our work... and our future aspirations.

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